

Craftsbury Energy Committee Meeting, Thursday, 9/15/22

Present: Ned, Craig, Catherine, Kevin, Vince

- Craftsbury Public Library Solar and Battery Backup Project Update
 - Ned presented to the ARPA group - Compared to other projects, requesting just \$10,000 looks promising. We wait for a couple of months to hear

- Town Hall Basement Weatherization Update - Craig and Vince researched the Municipal Energy Resilience Grant. \$500,000 per town available for the next three years to put into only municipal buildings for Weatherization, heat pumps, and Solar
 - Craig will present to the Select Board the info and get registered w/ the state program to get the process going, and scratch plan of more immediate weatherization

- Information summary on the new congressional bill supporting Weatherization, Renewables, and Energy Saving Appliances
 - Vince shared that the details need time to work through the Fed level to states

- NETO low income weatherization update
 - Increased in Income limits: 1 household member: \$51,968, 2 - \$59,392, etc.
 - Kevin will put new, updated fliers out for Food Pantry distribution
 - Possible other ways to get the word out and people on board - Recycling Saturday? Help people with the sign-up process?

- Community Firewood Project
 - Kevin sent out one last Food Pantry flier to solicit need
 - Last firewood processing of the year - Sat. Oct. 15th
 - October 5th, Sterling College All College Work Day
 - Kevin will write a yearly Firewood summary needed for State Parks and Rec. firewood donation

- Window Inserts / Workshop
 - Insert Totals expected at this time: Glover, 120, Greensboro 100, Albany 69, Carftsbury 224; 513 Total, at this time. 575 inserts was the initial goal
 - We are going with 4-hour shifts at the Workhsop, 8:30 - 12:30, 1 - 4. Evening sessions will be 6 - 9.

- COVID safety at the workshop - Masks mandatory, COVID tests and Vaccinations encouraged

- Here is the Tentative Insert Workshop schedule for the 3 Towns at the COC
- Amount of \$ to send to WD from our Grant funds for 2021 & 2022
 - Kevin will get official position from WD on grant dollars for free inserts
 - Kevin will advocate for a separate Craftsbury Energy Committee account with checkbook access to alleviate confusion in the future.

- Possible workshop on how to burn wood efficiently to be looked at this winter
- Info Table at Farmers Market/Recycling Center? - Not enough time to talk about
- Possible Fall Energy Efficient Home Tour not happening - No response from the Contractor. Maybe next spring.
- DIY Solar and Heat Pump installation - Possible inclusion of interested parties when the library Solar install happens. Possible Heat Pump info next spring.
- An EV Charging Site in Craftsbury
 - Kevin advocated to the Craftsbury Village Plan Focus Group
 - Feedback from emails was to focus a spot at the Library

Next Energy Committee Meeting Thursday, 10/20/22, 7 pm.